

**WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 PM**  
**Stoke on Tern Village Hall**

**Minutes of the meeting**

Present: Carole Meade Membership Secretary / Area 20 Rep / Competitions Secretary  
Annette Coombes Treasurer  
Lydia Wood Chairperson  
Stella Seed Club Secretary / Points and Website Admin.  
Amanda Shenton Fund Raising Officer (2023)

Others: Nancy Stasiw, Sally Kimber, Heather Parr, Samantha Hooper, Robert Hess, Emily Coombes, Isabel Coombes

Apologies: Sarah Weaver, Lisa Powell, Mandy Flanagan, Jessica Clark, Anneliese Popovic, Rebecca Taylor, Molly Wotton

**1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Lydia thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Apologies as noted above.

**2 Approve minutes of previous AGM held on 5th January 2023.**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 5th January 2023 had been published on the club Facebook page and were available prior to the AGM on the club website. The minutes were proposed by Amanda Shenton, seconded by Nancy Stasiw and approved by all.

**3 Matters Arising**

Amanda Shenton has stepped down as Fund Raising Officer. The club would like to thank Amanda for performing this role over the past years, the funds raised have been of great importance to the club and her energy and dedication has been greatly appreciated.

**4 Chairman's Report**

The following report was presented by Lydia:

As a club we saw fewer entries than previous years for competitions, but we remained competitive in the competitions that we attended for both juniors and seniors. Sam Hooper has been helpful in recruiting people to cover "help duties" allowing us to attend qualifiers throughout the year. Thank you, Sam! We listened to our member's views with regards to our awards evening and we successfully held that at Stoke on Tern village hall back in October where we were able to present lots of members with awards and we had a good turnout. Thank you to those who supported us. Amanda has done a fantastic job of raising funds for the club but has decided to stand down for 2024. Thank you Amanda for all of your efforts in raising funds for the club over the last few years. We had hoped to present Amanda with a framed picture of Jack tonight, but we haven't received the picture yet. We hope to be able to present this in the near future.

**5 Treasurers Report**

The following report was presented by Annette:

BRC have increased their membership fees this year by £1.50 per person due to the new booking system, however as a committee we have decided to keep our yearly membership fees the same.

Also, our clinic fees will be staying the same this year, as we have been lucky enough to keep trainer and arena hire costs the same. These are great value at £18.50 per person per clinic with 3/4 sharing 1 hour. Rosettes this year has been our most expensive purchase and as you all know everyone likes a pretty ribbon. Costs of rosettes this year has been £973.00.

We continue to look after our lovely helpers and chef d equipe at qualifiers and champs by providing food and drink.

This year the club has gifted some prizes, ie membership and clinics to the fantastic raffles we have had.

Website fees this year have been £183

Also this year we have paid out

Affiliation fee of £190.00

BRC insurance of £180.00  
Membership fees £1635.00  
Accountancy fee £150.00

Our yearly books are available also if you wish to view previous years books i can arrange this.

## **6 Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Secretary Report**

Dates have changed for some BRC championships. Carole shared the dates for Area 20 qualifiers and BRC championships. These can be found on the Area 20 and BRC websites respectively.

BRC has moved membership to an online portal, which members can access directly themselves. If your existing membership lapsed before you renewed via the new website, contact BRC Head Office, who can then talk you through how to renew your membership. BRC has also changed membership to be rolling, which means it will be renewed based on joining date, rather than January to December. Local membership will also be changed to be rolling. Fees for all membership types will be the same as last year. There is a £1.50 transaction fee for BRC membership, however we have decided as a club to absorb that cost and not pass it on to the members.

## **7 Fund Raising Report**

The following report was presented by Amanda.

2023 saw a steady build up of fund raising over the year with excellent support from our members and our mini subcommittee, we could not have done it without you.

We ran an Easter Raffle raising £41.05 followed by a raffle for the coronation raising £51.05.

Sarah ran our Bingo night back in April, fleecing the locals to a tune of £624.00, they still haven't a clue what they are paying for, long may it last bless them.

September saw the return of our Demo night with the delightful Levi Hunt, we had a great turnout of just over 100 people, the weather held and with the addition of a bar and some excellent hot food the night was a roaring success. We raised a huge amount of £864 that night but special thanks go to Sarah for the use of her facilities and the organisation for the night.

Our popular Team Dressage returned again in October kindly sponsored by Rosehill Crematorium services and Market Drayton mowers enabling us to raise £623.03.

And finally, our awards Night in November raised £167.

We must acknowledge here the generosity of those who gave us sponsorship, raffle prizes and most importantly their time to support the fund-raising efforts this year. It has been a very difficult year to bribe and cajole people and business to support us, especially as we are not a charity, but somehow, we managed a good year.

So another fabulous fundraising year again, our club members have been extremely supportive and generous helping keep the club viable raising a total of £2,370.53 throughout 2023.

However, this was my last year as fund raising officer, I am stepping down tonight. So a huge thank you from me for all of those who have helped me throughout the last 3 years. I will still be supporting and being a member of the club and I wish whoever takes the role on the best of luck and I am sure they will bring fresh ideas and opportunities to the club.

The committee would like to thank you all for your support and we look forward to a bright, happy and exciting 2024

## **8 Election of Officers.**

The AGM was advertised on the club Facebook page where it was asked if anyone would like to stand for any of the existing or vacant positions, no applications have been received. The meeting was asked if anyone would like to stand for existing posts or any of the vacant posts. Nobody wanted to apply for any posts.

The meeting agreed they were happy to perform a block vote for the remaining committee members to continue in their posts, this was proposed by Nancy Stasiw and seconded by Samantha Hooper. The vote was passed.

<b>Post</b>	<b>Person</b>
Chairperson	Lydia Wood
Child Welfare Officer	Sarah Weaver
Membership Secretary / Competitions Secretary / Area 20 Rep	Carole Meade
Treasurer	Annette Coombes
Club Secretary / Points and Website Admin	Stella Seed
Fund Raising Officer	vacant

## **9 Any Other Business**

### **Points Shows**

Will be all S&G Sunday dressage and SJ not just designated ones.

Points will only be awarded if you are a member at the time of competing, they will not be back dated to the start of the awards points year. The full details of what the classes will be and how the points will be recorded is being worked out.

### **Committee Members Membership Fees**

A number of other riding clubs committee members get their membership free of charge in recognition for the work they put in. It was proposed that the core committee members get their membership free of charge this year. The motion was proposed by Sam Hooper and seconded by Heather Parr. The motion was passed. It was agreed that this would be voted on every year.

### **Newsletter**

Everyone at the meeting felt that the newsletter put together by Anneliese is worthwhile. It was agreed that Anneliese would continue to create the quarterly newsletter with support from Amanda.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm